

of the Committee on Personal Rights & Preamble:

A Minority Report to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain by private persons, firms or corporations, so that Section 9 (B) of the Declaration of Rights include the following:

THE PRESIDENT: Minority Report R&P-1(E) will be received and distributed. I am sorry to have to inform you that I learned just a few months ago that one of our desk clerks, Mr. Dennis, whom all of you know, a long time employee of the legislature, has had a slight mishap and is in the hospital at the Naval Academy. I understood it is nothing serious, but as you know, he is not here and that is the reason. The Chair recognizes Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I should like to call attention to the Convention of the presence of several students of the University of Baltimore with two of their instructors, Mr. Schering and Dr. Blake. Dr. Blake is the author of what in my opinion is the finest single book on the Reconstruction Period and Conventions that has been printed.

While on my feet I would like to call attention also to the fact that 14 graduates, the president and board member and three former teachers of that institution are members of this assemblage. (*Applause.*)

THE PRESIDENT: Delighted to have them with us.

Are there any other motions or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

If not the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of resuming consideration of the general orders of the day.

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor signify by saying Aye, contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

The Committee of the Whole will please come to order.

*(Whereupon, at 2:40 P.M. the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)*

*(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 5, 1967—2:40 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,  
PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: We have under consideration Committee Recommendation SF-3. Are there any other amendments to section 8.01?

The Chair hears none.

Are there any amendments to section 8.02? I will take up separately 8.02, 8.02-1, and 8.02-2. At this time section 8.02. Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment designated as A to section 8.02, which I should like to offer at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Pages will please distribute Amendment A. It will be marked Amendment No. 3 by Delegate Hanson, seconded by Delegate Beatrice Miller. The Chair recognizes Delegate Hanson to speak—sorry—the Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation SF-3 by Delegates Hanson and B. Miller: On page 2 section 8.02, Assessments, in line 6 strike out the comma and the rest of the sentence in lines 6 through 8, inclusive.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Hanson to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, this amendment is one which I think would improve the language in section 8.02. In the colloquy which occurred with Vice Chairman of the State Finance and Taxation Committee last evening and today, I think it was made quite clear that the dependent clause, the clause which this amendment would strike, which requires that if classifications are established, that the classification shall include a classification for agricultural use, is an unnecessary clause for its constitutional impact.

The phrase which immediately precedes it that there shall be uniform rules pursuant to such classifications as may be determined by law, adequately on the admission of the Vice Chairman of the Committee, covers the ability of the legislature to retain or change the present Farmland Assessment Act.